



1st September 2016

Donaghmore Primary School

Punctuality

Supervision is provided each morning in school from 8.30am.

School starts promptly at 9.00am.

P3 pick-up time is 2pm (apart from Mondays when P3 will stay until 3pm).

P4-7 pick-up time is 3pm.

Please arrange to collect your child/children promptly each day.

Waste Free Wednesday

We continue to encourage the use of reusable lunch boxes and drinks cartons each day but particularly on Wednesdays.

Homeworks

Spellings and mental arithmetic will be set at the beginning of the week. Each week your child will be given 13 spellings to learn. At least 10 of these words will focus on a specific sound. The rest may comprise of high frequency words or odd bods which do not follow common spelling patterns. Children should learn these words using the look, say, visualise, cover, write, check method. Please spend time each evening helping your child learn spellings and practise mental arithmetic.

Your child will also be set reading to do at home. This should not be considered the only source of reading practice a child should have. We ask you to encourage your child to choose a personal interest book which can be read independently.

Reading **with** your child/children is also still encouraged.

Children will be set written homeworks from Monday to Thursday.

Topic Work

This term's topic will be Vikings.



It would be greatly appreciated if each **child** would donate a box of tissues and a tub of liquid hand soap to school.

A number of items were left in the school cloakroom over the summer break. These items are in the school assembly hall; please take time to check if any of them belong to your child/children. We plan to take unclaimed items to the charity shop on Friday 9th September.

Teachers are available each morning from 8.30am to 9am if you need to briefly pass on relevant information about your child/children or if you have a general query. If you have a question or concern about your child's progress, please arrange to meet the class teacher at an alternative time.

Equipment needed

- 2/3 HB pencils
- Highlighter
- Whiteboard marker
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- 30cm Ruler
- Glue Stick
- Colouring pencils/Felt-tips
- Pen drive for ICT (P4-7)



Music

P4/5/6/7 children should bring a recorder to school each Tuesday and Thursday.



PE

- P4-7 PE Thursday.
- P3 PE Friday.

P3-7 will go swimming each Monday afternoon on the following dates:

Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
7 th	5 th	9 th	6 th	6 th
14 th	12 th	16 th		13 th
21 st		23 rd		20 th
28 th		30 th	27 th	27 th

In addition to a swimming costume and towel, children should bring a pair of goggles. Girls are required to wear a swimming hat in the pool.

It would be appreciated if families would **contribute £20 per child towards the cost of transport to the pool**. Money should be sent to school in an envelope labelled with the child's name by Wednesday 21st September.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent/teacher consultations will be held on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October. School will finish at 12.45pm on Tuesday 18th October to facilitate these consultations. Interview times will be posted on the parents' notice board in the front hall on 4th October, please call in and choose a suitable time.